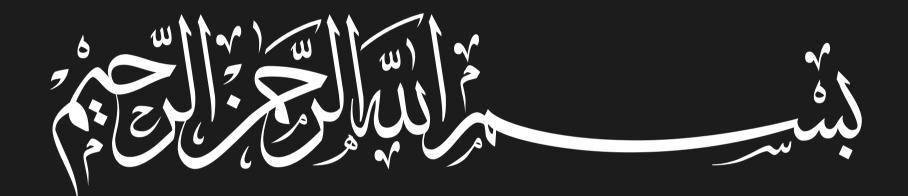


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Before Leaving the House

Chapter One



- is the day of congregational prayers for Muslims, holds immense significance in our Deen.

It is not merely a day of communal worship but a day deeply intertwined with the history of creation, the Day of Judgement,

and the virtues bestowed upon those who observe it.

The Prophet told us in a hadith:



The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created. on it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the last hour will take place on no day other than Friday.

Sahih Muslim 854b

In this chapter, we will delve into the teachings of our Prophet Muhammad properties are garding the importance of Jumu'ah and the meticulous steps to prepare for this sacred day.

The Noble Status of Jumu'ah

Our Prophet meek emphasised the prominence of Jumu'ah, declaring it the best day of the week. This proclamation is rooted in the fact that on this day:

- was created عليه السلام Adam
- —— 2 He was admitted into Jannah, and later expelled from it
- 3 The Day of Judgment is going to take place on a Friday (Jumu'ah)

Virtues and Forgiveness on Jumu'ah

The Prophet highlighted another virtue of Jumu'ah: it is a day of forgiveness. It has been narrated in a hadith:

مَنْ تَوَضَّاً فَأَحْسَنَ الْوُضُوءَ ثُمَّ أَتَى الْجُمُعَةَ فَدَنَا وَاسْتَمَعَ وَأَنْصَتَ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَزِيَادَةُ ثَلاَثَةِ أَيَّام وَمَنْ مَسَّ الْحَصَى فَقَدْ لَغَا

> "Whoever performs Wudu, performing his Wudu well, then he comes to the Friday (prayer), and he gets close, listens and is silent, then whatever (sin) was between that and (the last) Friday are forgiven for him, in addition to three days. And whoever touches the pebbles, he has committed Lagha (useless activity)."

Jami' at-Tirmidhi 498

Performing ablution (Wudu), sitting close to the Imam, listening attentively and silently to the Khutbah on this day leads to our sins being forgiven from one Jumu'ah to the next and an additional three days, totaling ten days.

The Prophet further cautioned against engaging in frivolous activities, symbolised by touching or playing with stones and the like. Sins committed between prayers, from one Jumu'ah to the next, and between two Ramadans are forgiven, provided major sins are avoided. The concept of repentance (Tawbah) is introduced as a necessary step for repenting and seeking Allah's forgiveness for major sins.

Three Stages of Jumu'ah Preparation

To comprehensively prepare for Jumu'ah, one must consider three distinct stages. The initial stage involves preparations made at home, followed by the physical act of attending the congregation in the Masjid, and finally, additional recommended acts throughout the day.

Three Stages of Jumu'ah Preparation

A crucial aspect of preparing for Jumu'ah is purification.



— GHUSI

Our Prophet stressed the importance of performing Ghusl before attending Jumu'ah prayers.

Scholars deem it highly recommended, if not obligatory, and connect it to reaching the level of perfect ablution (Wudu).

Read this hadith that mentions tremendous rewards for those who do the following:

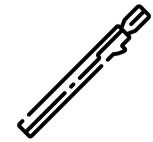
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Narrated Aws ibn Aws ath-Thaqafi: I heard the apostle of Allah (ﷺ) say: If anyone:

- makes (his wife) wash and he washes himself on Friday,
- goes out early (for Friday prayer),
- attends the sermon from the beginning,
- walking, not riding,
- takes his seat near the imam,
- listens attentively, and does not indulge in idle talk,

he will get the reward of a year's fasting and praying at night for every step he takes.

Sunan Abi Dawud 345



SIWAK

Additionally, the use of Siwak (tooth-stick) is emphasised, as it is linked to prayers in general.

In the hadith that mentions that doing Ghusl is Waajib on Friday for everyone who has reached puberty, we also find the instruction to use the Siwak:

غُسْلُ يَوْمِ الْجُمْعَةِ عَلَى كُلِّ مُحْتَلِمِ وَسِوَاكُ [...]

Bathing on Friday for every adult (is compulsory), and using of Miswak [...]

Sahih Muslim 846b



PERFUME

Using perfume, particularly for men, is encouraged, provided the scent is not overly feminine.

In the above hadith, it was is also mentioned:

[...] and applying some perfume [...]

Sahih Muslim 846b



THE BEST OF ONE'S CLOTHES

The Prophet's guidance extends to wearing one's best clothes on Jumu'ah.

In the subsequent chapters, we will unravel the intricacies of each stage of Jumu'ah preparation, providing practical guidance for Muslims seeking to enhance their connection with this blessed day.

Attending the Jumu'ah

Chapter Two

In the previous chapter, we explored the significance of Jumu'ah and the initial preparations made at home. Now, let us delve into the crucial aspect of attending the masjid itself for the congregational prayers.

Early Attendance -

The Prophet emphasised the virtue of arriving at the masjid early for Jumu'ah prayers. Going early is not just a suggestion; it is a practice that carries great rewards.

He told us in a hadith:

مَنِ اغْتَسَلَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ غُسْلَ الْجَنَابَةِ ثُمَّ رَاحَ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ بَدَنَةً، وَمَنْ رَاحَ فِي السَّاعَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ بَقَرَةً، وَمَنْ رَاحَ فِي السَّاعَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ دَجَاجَةً، وَمَنْ رَاحَ فِي السَّاعَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ دَجَاجَةً، وَمَنْ رَاحَ فِي السَّاعَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ دَجَاجَةً، وَمَنْ رَاحَ فِي السَّاعَةِ الْخَامِسَةِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَرَّبَ بَيْضَةً، فَإِذَا خَرَجَ الإِمَامُ حَضَرَتِ الْمَلاَئِكَةُ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الذِّكْرَ

"Any person who takes a bath on Friday like the bath of Janaba and then goes for the prayer:

- (in the first hour i.e. early), it is as if he had sacrificed a camel (in Allah's cause);
- whoever goes in the second hour it is as if he had sacrificed a cow;
- whoever goes in the third hour, then it is as if he had sacrificed a horned ram;
- if one goes in the fourth hour, then it is as if he had sacrificed a hen;
- whoever goes in the fifth hour then it is as if he had offered an egg.

When the Imam comes out (i.e. starts delivering the Khutba), the angels present themselves to listen to the Khutba."

Sahih al-Bukhari 881

The hadith mentions that those who arrive in the first part of the day are likened to those who make sacrifices, with varying degrees of reward depending on the time of arrival.

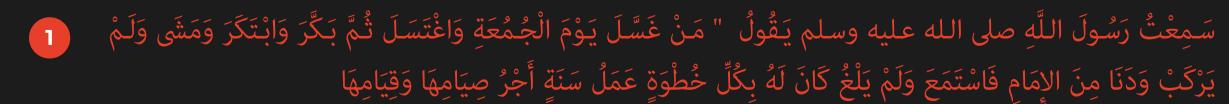
The angels record the names of those attending the masjid until the Imam ascends the mimbar. This underlines the importance of reaching the Masjid well before the commencement of the sermon (Khutbah).

Walking to the Masjid -

Another praiseworthy act associated with Jumu'ah is walking to the masjid, as highlighted in the hadith.

The Prophet specifically mentioned the virtue of walking as opposed to riding. While the context of horses and camels may be shifted to that of vehicles, the essence remains — going on foot to reach the masjid.

Read the hadith again:



Narrated Aws ibn Aws ath-Thaqafi: I heard the apostle of Allah (ﷺ) say: If anyone:

- makes (his wife) wash and he washes himself on Friday,
- goes out early (for Friday prayer),

- attends the sermon from the beginning,
- walking, not riding,
- takes his seat near the imam,
- listens attentively, and does not indulge in idle talk,

he will get the reward of a year's fasting and praying at night for every step he takes.

Sunan Abi Dawud 345

The reward, as stated in the hadith, is significant, equivalent to the night prayer of a year and the fasting of a year for every step taken!

This practice is a means to attain countless, immense amounts of rewards from our Merciful Lord.

Praying until the Imam arrives -

Once at the masjid, the believer is encouraged to engage in voluntary prayers until the Imam begins the Khutbah.

This is a Sunnah that has diminished in modern times. Often, individuals arrive, perform the initial recommended prayer to greet the mosque (Tahiyyatul Masjid), and then sit idly. The Prophet , however, advised praying as much as one can before the Imam starts the Khutbah.

Avoiding Harm and Idleness

The Prophet cautioned against causing harm to others, both physical and verbal, on the day of Jumu'ah. Going over people's heads to get ahead in rows or engaging in idle talk is strongly discouraged.

This issue can be understood by reading through the hadith:

كُنَّا مَعَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ بُسْرِ صَاحِبِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فَجَاءَ رَجُلُ يَتَخَطَّى رِقَابَ النَّاسِ فَقَالَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ بُسْرٍ جَاءَ رَجُلُ يَتَخَطَّى رِقَابَ النَّاسِ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ وَالنَّبِيُّ صلى الله عليه وسلم يَوْطُبُ فَقَالَ عَبْدُ النَّبِيُّ صلى الله عليه وسلم " اجْلِسْ فَقَدْ آذَيْتَ "

We were in the company of 'Abd Allah b. Busr, the Companion of the Prophet (ﷺ), on a Friday. A man came and stepped over the people. 'Abd Allah b. Busr said: A man came and stepped over the people while the Prophet (ﷺ) was giving the sermon on Friday. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Sit down, you have annoyed (the people).

Sunan Abi Dawud 1118

Additionally, playing with sand, pebbles, water bottles, carpet, etc. or any form of distraction during the khutbah diminishes the reward of Jumu'ah. Scholars even warn that such actions might jeopardise the validity of one's Jumu'ah prayers.

Silence During the Khutbah -

Maintaining silence during the Friday sermon is of paramount importance.

The Prophet stressed the severity of speaking during the Khutbah in the following hadith:



إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ أَنْصِتْ . يَوْمَ الْجُمْعَةِ وَالإِمَامُ يَخْطُبُ فَقَدْ لَغَوْتَ

If you (even) ask your companion to be quiet on Friday while the Imam is delivering the sermon, you have in fact talked irrelevance.

Sahih Muslim 851a

The focus during this time should be on attentively listening to the words of the Imam, absorbing the reminder (Khutbah), and refraining from any form of conversation.

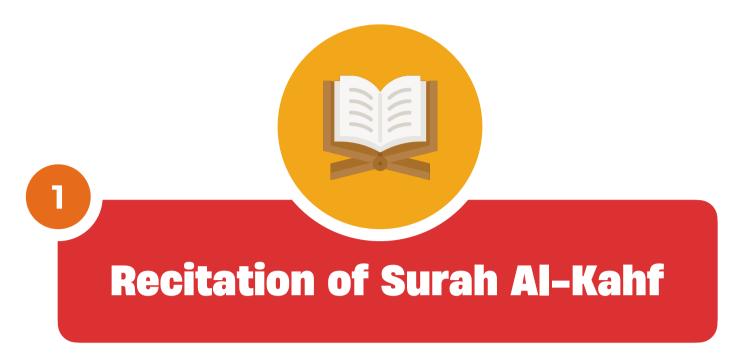
While silence is crucial, some scholars allow for certain exceptions. The permissibility of saying "ميلى الله عليه وآله وسلم" or "ميلى" during specific moments in the khutbah is debated among scholars. Some argue that saying it signifies attentiveness to the Imam's words and is therefore allowed. Others do not allow it at all.

However, the overarching principle remains — the preservation of the solemn atmosphere and silence during the Khutbah.

Making Every Jumu'ah Special

Chapter Three

In our journey through the preparations for the Day of Jumu'ah, we have explored three crucial steps: preparing from home, the initial steps upon entering the mosque, and now, the overarching actions to be taken on Jumu'ah. Let's delve into the significant aspects of this blessed day and how we can optimise our experience.



Jumu'ah, a day laden with blessings, comes with numerous Mustahabb acts of worship, one of which is the recitation of Surah Al-Kahf.

The Prophet told us in a hadith:



"Whoever recites Surah al-Kahf on Friday, a light will shine for him between this Friday and the next."

As-Sunan al-Kubraa lil-Bayhaqī 5996

One can commence this recitation on Thursday evening after Maghrib, as in Islam the night comes before the day. Therefore, Thursday evening is actually the night of the day of Jumu'ah.



Among the treasures of Jumu'ah is a special hour when every supplication made by servants of Allah 🚲 is answered.

It is mentioned in a hadith wherein the Prophet see said:

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم ذَكَرَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فَقَالَ " فِيهِ سَاعَةٌ لاَ يُوَافِقُهَا عَبْدٌ مُسْلِمٌ، وَهْوَ قَائِمٌ يُصلِّى، يَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى شَيْئًا اللَّ أَعْطَاهُ إِيَّاهُ ". وَأَشَارَ بِيَدِهِ يُقَلِّلُهَا.

Allah's Messenger () talked about Friday and said, "There is an hour (opportune time) on Friday and if a Muslim gets it while praying and asks something from Allah, then Allah will definitely meet his demand." And he (the Prophet) pointed out the shortness of that time with his hands.

Sahih al-Bukhari 935

The Prophet through a gesture, indicated a brief yet pivotal period, sparking numerous discussions among scholars.

To ensure you partake in this divine moment, make a habit of continuous du'a throughout the day, increasing the likelihood of being enveloped in this blessed hour.



Expressing love for the Prophet is from his rights upon us. He highlighted the significance of sending salutations upon him on the day of Jumu'ah.

We find in the hadith that talks about the status of the day of Jumu'ah:



[...] فَأَكْثِرُوا عَلَىَّ مِنَ الصَّلاَةِ فِيهِ فَإِنَّ صَلاَتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَىَّ ". قَالَ قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَكَيْفَ تُعْرَضُ صَلاَتُنَا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَرِمْتَ يَقُولُونَ بَلِيتَ . فَقَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ أَجْسَادَ الأَنْبِيَاءِ " صَلاَتُنَا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَرِمْتَ يَقُولُونَ بَلِيتَ . فَقَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ أَجْسَادَ الأَنْبِيَاءِ "

[...] so invoke more blessings on me that day, for your blessings will be submitted to me. The people asked: Messenger of Allah, how can it be that our blessings will be submitted to you while your body is decayed? He replied: Allah, the Exalted, has prohibited the earth from consuming the bodies of Prophets.

Sunan Abi Dawud 1047

The more abundantly we send peace and blessings upon our Prophet , the more rewards we will get from Allah .



The uniqueness of Jumu'ah should extend beyond acts of worship to encompass family dynamics. Scholars have referred to this day as a "small 'Eid."

Therefore, it's crucial to impart this significance to younger family members. By designating Friday as a special day for children, through small gestures such as gifts, candy, and shared activities, we can instil a sense of identity, joy, and belonging. Doing so will make Jumu'ah a day they eagerly anticipate, and it will also deter them from yearning for celebrations observed by non-believing communities.

In conclusion, Jumu'ah is more than a congregational prayer; it is a day infused with opportunities for worship and drawing close to Allah . By engaging in these recommended acts, we can ensure a holistic and spiritually enriching experience for ourselves and those around us.



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